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SUBJ: 3RD REPORT OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO ICAO ASSEMBLY,
MONTREAL SEPT 27-28

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVED OFFICIAL EMBLEM AND SEAL OF ICAO INCORPORATING INITIALS OF THE ORGANIZATION IN THE CYRILLIC ALPHABET. COMMITTEE NOTED WITHOUT COMMENT ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL 1971-1973 AND PROPOSED WORK PROGRAM 1975-77. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DECISION OF THE COUNCIL TO CONTINUE TO USE THE SERVICE OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT UNTIL DEC 31, 1977 WAS APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE. THE SOVIET PROPOSAL THAT ICAO PREPARE AN AUTHENTIC TEXT OF THE CONVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION IN THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE WAS APPROVED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE COUNCIL WILL EXPLORE THE MEANS TO BE USED IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE.

2. THE COMMITTEE APPROVED FOR DECLARATION AS BEING NO LONGER IN FORCE ALL THE RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO IT FOR THIS PURPOSE. ALSO APPROVED WAS THE CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTION ON DISCHARGE BY CONTRACTING STATES OF THEIR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS TO THE ORGANIZATION. WHEN THE CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTION ON EXPEDITIOUS RATIFICATION OF CONVENTIONS RELATING TO UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE WAS CONSIDERED, THE PRC SAID THE ROC HAD NO RIGHT TO BECOME A PARTY TO THE TOKYO, UNCLASSIFIED

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HAGUE AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS AND THE PRESIDENT SAID THE COUNCIL'S

REPORT FOR 1974 WOULD CONTAIN A NUMBER OF CHANGES. CZECHOSLOVAKIA, US, UK, USSR, NEW ZEALAND, SINGAPORE AND BULGARIA SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE ORIGINAL TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COUNCIL AS THE CONSOLIDATED RESOLUTION BECAUSE IT "URGES" ALL STATES TO BECOME PARTIES TO THE HAGUE AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS AS WELL AS THE TOKYO CONVENTION. THEREFORE, THE VOTE WAS POSTPONED UNTIL A REVISED TEXT COULD BE CIRCULATED.

3. TECHNICAL COMMISSION DISCUSSED ITEM 22 (DEVELOPMENT OF AN UP-TO-DATE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ICAO CONTINUING POLICIES RELATED TO AIR NAVIGATION) AND AGREED TO FOLLOW IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REVISED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT THE PROCEDURES AND PRINCIPLES SUGGESTED BY THE COUNCIL IN PARA 4 OF WP/3. THE COMMISSION APPROVED APPENDICES A,B, D, G, AND H AS PRESENTED. APPROVAL OF APPENDICES C,J, AND K WAS DEFERRED PENDING DISCUSSION OF THE RELATED PARTS OF THE WORK PROGRAM OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR 1975-77. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REVIEW OF APPENDIX F (UNITS OF MEASUREMENT), THE COMMISSION CONSIDERED THE USSR PROPOSAL IN WP/66. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION THE SECRETARY WAS REQUESTED TO PREPARE A FLIMSY THAT WOULD PROPOSE THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL CLAUSE IN APPENDIX F DIRECTING THE COUNCIL TO MONITOR PROGRESS TOWARDS THE INTRODUCTION OF UNITS OF MEASUREMENT BASED ON THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF UNITS. (IN THE EVENT THE COMMISSION ACCEPTS THIS APPROACH, THE US WILL HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN RETAINING THE TWO TABLES NOW CONTAINED IN ICAO ANNEX 5).

4. ECONOMIC COMMISSION DRAFT MINUTES WERE CORRECTED BY KENYA TO REFLECT ITS DESIRE FOR AN "EASTERN" AFRICA OFFICE OF ICAO SERVING ETHIOPIA, SOMOLIA, ZAMBIA AND OTHER STATES AS WELL AS THE STATES OF THE EAST AFRICA COMMUNITY. BRAZIL AND MOROCCO PRESENTED THEIR PROPOSAL FOR A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD DIRECT THE COUNCIL TO CONVENE A SPECIAL AIR TRANSPORT CONFERENCE (SEE MONTREAL 1522). INDONESIA, TUNISIA, NETHERLANDS, EGYPT, UGANDA, AND PAKISTAN SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THIS PROPOSAL. US SAID IT CONCERNED COMPLEX AND FAR-REACHING PROBLEMS AND SHOULD ONLY BE DEALT WITH AFTER FURTHER STUDY. VENEZUELA, POLAND, FRANCE, SWEDEN AND AUSTRALIA HAD SIMILAR VIEWS, AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS POSTPONED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING WEEK. THE COMMISSION THEN COMMENCED DISCUSSION OF THE TENTATIVE INVENTORY OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONTINUED

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DEVELOPMENT IN THE AIR TRANSPORT FIELD. THE UK RESOLUTION CO-SPONSORED BY THE US AND OTHER URGING STATES TO BECOME PARTIES TO THE TRANSIT AGREEMENT WAS APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

5. LEGAL COMMISSION RECOMMENDED BY CONSENSUS REVISED PROPOSAL FOR A DRAFT RESOLUTION (PROPOSED BY ARGENTINA, CHILE AND JAMAICA) WHICH WOULD DIRECT THE COUNCIL TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF THE PREPARATION OF A DIGEST OF JUDICIAL DECISIONS RELATING TO MULTI-

LATERAL INTERNATIONAL AIR LAW CONVENTIONS. THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED FOR RULE 54 WERE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH. THE CHAIRMAN ENDED THE MEETING WITH A STATEMENT OF A CONSENSUS THAT THE FRENCH PROPOSAL AS CORRECTED TO REFER TO "QUESTIONS OF SUBSTANCE" FORM THE BASIS OF A REDRAFT TO BE CONSIDERED SEPT 30. THE SUBSTANCE OF THE FRENCH PROPOSAL WOULD BE ADOPTED BUT REVISED TO BE PLACED IN RULE 46. SUDAN AND FRANCE ARE TO PREPARE THE REVISION.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION GAVE PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION TO AGENDA ITEM 36 ON WORKING CAPITAL FUND BEFORE REFERRAL TO BUDGET WORKING GROUP. ACCOUNTS FOR 1971-73 APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED TO PLENARY. ANNUAL REPORTS WERE AGREED TO AND APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR APPROVED. US IS MEMBER OF BUDGET WORKING GROUP WHICH WILL CONSIDER BUDGET ITEMS BEGINNING SEPT. 30.

7. PARTS 1 AND 2 OF ICAO COUNCIL ELECTION HELD IN SEPT 28 PLENARY WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS: IN PART I, FIRST BALLOT FRANCE ELECTED WITH 112 OF POSSIBLE 117 VOTES; ALSO FRG (108), UK (106), ITALY (105), CANADA (104), US (103), USSR (101), BRAZIL (99), AND JAPAN (62). ONLY AUSTRALIA AND NETHERLANDS FAILED TO BE ELECTED ON THIS BALLOT WITH 46 VOTES EACH. ON SECOND BALLOT AUSTRALIA ELECTED WITH 80 VOTES AND NETHERLANDS FAILED WITH 37. IN PART II, FIRST BALLOT SPAIN ELECTED WITH 103 VOTES; ALSO EGYPT (102), ARGENTINA (99), LEBANON (96), MEXICO (96), PRC (93), AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA (82). BELGIUM FAILED WITH 53 VOTES; ALSO SWEDEN (51), INDIA (49), NETHERLANDS (49), AND PAKISTAN (33). ON SECOND BALLOT SWEDEN ELECTED WITH 81 VOTES; ALSO INDIA (79) AND PAKISTAN (61). BELGIUM AND NETHERLANDS FAILED TO BE ELECTED WITH 51 AND 48 VOTES RESPECTIVELY. PART III OF ELECTION WILL BE HELD OCT 1.
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